The resolution was put to vote and passed.

A query regarding the Member of Vellarappalli.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—On a point of order, Sir. In the last meeting, when I raised the point of order whether the Hon'ble Member for Vellarappalli can continue to sit in this House, you promised to give us a ruling.

President.—We have been considering that, point, and according to the Rules of the Council, he can continue as a Member.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You do not declare him to be an official? Because under this section, there is no option. The section is imperative. There is already a rule.

President.—I mean, in the case of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar, we did not declare him to be an official Member. He was under the Court of Wards, directly under the management of the Diwan Peishkar. We said that he was at liberty to express his own views, and is not bound by the views of the Government. Similarly, we do not tie the hands of Mr. Chummar also.

Exemption for worked-up wooden materials from the operation of Forest Regulation.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur being absent, the following resolution was considered withdrawn :—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that worked-up wooden materials (such as dismantled materials of houses, agricultural implements, furniture and the like) may be exempted from the operation of the Forest Regulation, and that their transport may be made free of permit.*"

Hence the following amendment of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar to the above resolution was taken as withdrawn :—

"*Add after 'materials' and before the bracket, 'excepting brand new ones with monopoly trees'*".

The introduction of a Kuri Regulation.

In the absence of Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur the following resolution of his was considered withdrawn:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government the necessity for the immediate introduction in our State of an enactment on*

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the lines of the Travancore Chitty Regulation to regulate the starting and conduct of Kuries in the State."

Hence the following amendment of Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon to the above resolution was considered withdrawn·—

"*Omit the words 'on the lines of the Travancore Chitty Regulation*'".

The abolition of licenses for jaggery tapping.

On account of Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur's absence, the following resolution was also taken as withdrawn :—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that the licensing of jaggery tapping and the marking of jaggery tapping trees may be abolished, and that jaggery tapping may be made free and without license in the State to any individual without distinction*".

The appointment of a Committee to enquire into the Co-operative movement.

President.—The next resolution standing in the name of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar about the Co-operative movement in the State runs as follows:—

"*That this Council recommends to the Government that a Committee should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of the Co-operative movement in the State with a view to the fact that the future of the State depends much on this movement.*"

Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Sir, The Co-operative Societies Regulation (Regulation IV of 1088) was passed in 1088, and soon after, a department was organized and a Registrar was appointed to guide the movement. The Co-operative Department is in several respects quite unlike the other departments of the State. The movement is purely a people's movement, and the policy of the Government everywhere has been to preserve the democratic nature of it. The departmental officers have simply to put them in the way and to be seeing that they don't go out of it. The policy is clearly laid down in the Government of India Resolution, dated 29th April 1904 and in several subsequent orders of the provincial governments. It is now nearly 14 years since the movement was started in the State, and it is now time for us to take stock of what has hitherto been done and to have some definite plans for further work in the light of the developments in other parts of the world.

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